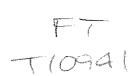


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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Major General David F. Melcher, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. The Senate previously confirmed Major General Melcher as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, United States Army and appointment to lieutenant general. Major General Melcher is projected for promotion upon assumption of the position.

Sincerely,

Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter Chairman, House Armed Services Committee The Honorable Ike Skelton Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee



